Minimising the Red-Tapism in Governmen! offices

2074. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME M NISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details , f the steps taken by Government to reduce red-tapism in the Ministries and offices and to reduce the time-consuming procedure of the Government of India; and

(b) the details of effects of these measures, in terms of ime, and to what extent the time-boun,] disposal of files has taken place?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES Al (D PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) Steps ' taken includ :

(i) simplificati >n and rationalisation of procedures' td cut out delays;

(ii) preparation of time-bound action plans by the mnistries regarding their functional areas *%tfA* regular monitoring \ of the results ac ueved;

(Hi) fixation of levels by the ministries for taking decis ons on various cate gories of case !.• channel of their submission to speed up decision making and to enforce ;,ccountability;

(iv) delegation of powers by the Ministry of Fin nee to administrative ministries and ' y administrative ministries to their lo rer formations; art!

(v) fixation or time limits for disposal of applications for licences/approvals received from' public.

The position in this regard is reviewed *m* time to timt To cite a few exam- >-10 * improvem. nts made: the pace of -if applic itions in Import/Export *ion, Department of md Department of In- has quickened; the ncial clearance 0I Railways have substan- >ition regarding settle- nd the overall disposal of business by the ministries is further streamlined.

Representation from federation of publishers and book sellers

2075. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Federation of Publishers and Book Sellers Association, India for section 80 QQ of Income-tax Act to enable the publishers to have some reprieve from rising costs of paper and other printing inputs.

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted this ,equest of publishers; and

(c) what is the total amount which is involve^ in giving this concession to pub lishers by restoring of section SO QQ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) No comprehensive date are readily available in regard to thj amount involved

restoring section 80 QQ. However, I the statistics
sample of 3175 returns for assessment year 1984-85, the total revenue involved on this account was Rs. 1.331 crores in these c:>

Subsidies given by Government

2076. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDW Will ih2 Minister of FDSTAN to st&te:

(a) total amount of subsidies given by Government to each sector including ex port subsidy curing the last fin;.'
and trie current financial year; and

(b) the names of sectors to which sub sidy has been given during the same period")

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